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SEN. JAMES H. DUFF (R-PA.) ACCUSED DEMOCRATS OF PAINTING A DISTORTED PICTURE OF THE RELATIVE AIR POWER OF THE U.S. AND RUSSIA

SEN. STUART SYMINGTON (D-MO.) SHOT BACK THAT THE U.S. POSITION IS "GREATLY WORSE" THAN HE HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT.

THE PARTISAN FLAREUP BROKE OUT IN THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIR POWER.

DUFF, WHEELING INTO A COUNTERATTACK ON DEMOCRATS, SAID HE WAS GETTING "SICK" OF ALL THE TALK ABOUT "HOW GOOD" THE RUSSIANS ARE AND "WHAT PROGRESS THEY ARE MAKING" IN AIR POWER.

"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE NOT GETTING A REAL PICTURE IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE," HE SAID.

DUFF SAID THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS HEARD SCIENTISTS DESCRIBE THE "PERFECTLY FABULOUS THINGS WE ARE DOING" IN WEAPONS DEVELOPMENTS. BUT ONE OF THIS TESTIMONY CAN BE MADE PUBLIC FOR SECURITY REASONS, HE SAID.

SYMINGTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, RETORTED THAT THE TESTIMONY RECEIVED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE "SHOWS OUR POSITION IS GREATLY WORSE THAN WHAT I THOUGHT IT WAS WHEN THE HEARING STARTED."

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THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO GOT INTO A PARTISAN WRANGLE OVER A RECENT RADIO INTERVIEW CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR ALLEN W. DULLES HAD WITH REP. HAROLD C. OSTERTAG (R-N.Y.). IN THE INTERVIEW, DULLES SAID HE HAD "NO EVIDENCE THAT THEY (THE RUSSIANS) ARE AHEAD OF US" IN DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE (ICBM).

SEN. HENRY M. JACKSON (D-WASH.) SAID HE WAS "SHOCKED" THAT DULLES HAD PUBLICLY DISCUSSED THE RELATIVE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA ON ICBM DEVELOPMENT AFTER HE HAD DECLINED TO TESTIFY IN PUBLIC BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE. JACKSON SUGGESTED THAT DULLES WAS GETTING CIA INVOLVED IN "PARTISAN POLITICS" IN AN ELECTION YEAR -- A MOVE WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE "A GREAT MISTAKE."

SYMINGTON COMMENTED THAT THE DULLES' COMPARISON OF RELATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ICBM IS "MISLEADING BASED ON THE FACTS" OBTAINED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

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